

Germany - Romans, Castles, Rebels and Kings

June 17 - July 1, 2017

Cost: \$4,500 - Class cost includes airfare, ground transportation, entry fees, and all lodging with full German breakfast each morning. \$3,000 without airfare or tuition. 6 hours tuition available from Colorado School of Mines for \$255.

Day 1 - June 17, 2017 - Saturday- Depart the US

Day 2 & 3 - June 18 & 19, 2017 - Sunday & Monday - Travel to Rothenberg.- meet in Market Square and watch the Meister trunk Show. Then do the 1 ½ hour Old Town Historic walk for the serious side of Rothenberg's History. Go to St Jacob's Church to see the breathtaking wood carved Altar of the Holy Blood - Shop at Kathe Wohlfort's two main stores (the famous chain of German handmade Christmas decorations) - Walk the medieval wall -90% intact - Visit the Medieval Crime and Punishment Museum - on to the German Christmas Museum - End the day with the Night Watchman's Tour. Stay in Rothenberg.

Day 4 - June 20, 2017 - Tuesday - Travel to Nurnberg to tour the Nazi Documentation Center and the Nurnberg Trials Courtroom and Museum. The Documentation Center traces the evolution of the Nazi movement, focusing on how it both energized and terrified the German people. In the courtroom in 1945, 21 Nazi war criminals stood trial before an international tribunal of judges appointed by the four victorious countries. Drive to Munich to sleep

Day 5 - June 21, 2017 - Wednesday - Take a morning trip to Dachau Concentration Camp (Opional,) to the notorious Nazi death camp on the outskirts of Munich. Back to outskirts of Munich to visit the Nymphenburg Palace, the summer palace of the Wittelsbachs and on to the Deutsches Museum, Germany's version of our Smithsonian with 10 miles of science and technology. Visit the BMW-Welt and Museum to see the BMW's past and present and unforgettable architecture. On to the Andechs Monastery Baroque church and Bavaria's best brew. Sleep in Munich.

Day 6 -June 22, 2017 - Thursday - Take in St. Michael's Renaissance church housing Baroque décor and a crypt of 40 Wittelsbachs. Walk to the center of historic Munich to see the Old and New Town Hall - the glockenspiel joust in Marienplatz - Tour St. Peter's Church to view some of the destruction from WW II. Spend the afternoon at the Residenz, the opulent palace of the Wittelsbachs. On to the reverie at the Hofbrauhaus world famous beer hall. Sleep in Munich

Day 7 -June 23, 2017 - Friday - Back on the road through Oberammergau, a sleepy Bavarian Village - Travel to Ettal where we will visit a working Monastery that serves as a school, distillery, brewery, and crafts. Tour the distillery and brewery. Then off to a cheese maker for a guided tour and sampling of Bavarian cheese. On to one of Mad King Ludwig's palaces; Linderhof. Back to Oberammergau to spend the night.

Day 8- June 24, 2017 - Saturday- Drive to Zugspitze, the tallest point in Germany and also a border crossing into Austria. We will take a lift to the 9,700 foot summit of the Zugspitze for a tour using the two terraces, Bavarian and Tirolean. They are connected by a narrow walkway which was

the border station before the border was opened. On the narrow terrace you used to have to show your passport and change from German marks to Austrian shillings. The Austrian (Tirolean) side was higher until the Germans blew its top off in WW II to make a flak tower. On The Tirolean Terrace before you stretches the Zugpitzplatt glacier. They use a reflector over the glacier to slow the shrinking. There is a wedding chapel (Hochzeitkapelle) at the top consecrated in 1981 by then Pope Benedict XVI. On the Bavarian terrace there is a golden cross marking the summit, the highest point in Germany. On to Fussen to spend the night.

Day 9- June 25, 2017 -Sunday - Up early to tour 2 of King Ludwig's palace's, Neuschwanstein, built in 1869 to 1886. The building stopped with Ludwig's death and Hohenschwangau, his boyhood home. During WW II the Nazis used Neuschwanstein as one of their primary secret store-house for stolen art. When the Allies liberated the art it filled 49 railcars from this one location alone. It was the only time the unfinished rooms were put to use. Drive to Baden Baden. Stop in Triberg, deep in the Black Forest - Famous for cuckoo clocks and the tallest waterfall in Germany. Hike with our guide along the waterfall. Visit Black Forest Museum and (window) shop for cuckoo clocks. Sleep in Baden Baden

Day 10 - June 26 - 2017 - Monday-We will tour the grand casino located in the Kurhaus, dubbed the most beautiful Casino by Marlene Dietrich and once housed such greats as Mark Twain, Bach, Russian princes and many other famous people. In Baden-Baden we will be standing on ancient Roman ruins with roman baths and many hot springs. We will tour the ancient bath ruins, after which, you will have time to partake in the Roman bathing tradition at either Friedrichsbad or Caracalla Spa. Take a stroll through the pedestrian shopping/restaurant area downtown and explore the beautiful park along the Oos River. We will visit the Faberge Museum (home of some pretty fancy eggs!). Sleep in Baden-Baden.

Day 11- June 27, 2017 - Tuesday - Travel to Trier for the most significant Roman ruins in Northern Europe; the Porto Negro, the fantastic entry gate to Trier, amphitheater, Roman baths and palace. Take time to visit the great cathedral there, Spend the afternoon driving up the beautiful Mosel River Valley stopping in Bernkastel-Kues to spend the night.

Day 12- June 28, 2017 - Wednesday -Travel to Burg Eltz to see perhaps the most beautiful castle in all of Germany. It is the only perfectly intact original castle (the only castle that has never been sacked) in Germany that has houses the same family for the last 750 years. Tour the castle and hike the grounds. Travel to Sankt Goar where we will spend the night.

Day 13- June 29, 2017 - Thursday - Board a ship for a scenic river cruise from Sankt Goar up the Rhine to Bacharach to see and learn about the many castles that line each bank of the river. In Bacharach explore the old town and the town wall. Late afternoon board the cruise ship to return to Sankt Goar. Sleep in Sankt Goar.

Day 14 - June 30, 2017 - Friday- Tour Rheinfels Castle, one of the mightiest castles on the Rhine, with a Museum and a Medieval Courtyard. Visit Stefan's wine shop, run by a German wine maker who will share a history of German wine. Drive to Frankfurt. Spend the night in Frankfurt.

Day 15 - July 1, 2017 - Saturday- travel to the US

